

Volunteers wanted

Town's Accessibility Advisory Committee gets in motion with first-ever Wheels in Motion

A team of volunteers in Halton Hills is preparing to organize the Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion event and needs your help.

The event will take place for the first time in Halton Hills at the Gellert Community Centre on Sunday, June 11 at 9 a.m.

"Our goal is to bring our community together, to have fun and meet new people while making a difference in the lives of men, women and children with physical disabilities," said Bill Leslie, chair of the event committee for Halton Hills, and member of the Town's Accessibility Advisory Committee.

He is looking for more volunteers to help organize the event here.

Wheels in Motion will be taking place in every province and territory in across Canada. People of all ages and abilities are invited to bring their family, friends and neighbours to wheel, walk or run to raise funds and awareness of people with physical disabilities.

"We're all inspired by Rick Hansen's courage and determination. He wheeled around the world for over two years to raise awareness of the potential of people who are physically disabled," said Leslie.

"The spirit of that journey continues today through our local Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion event."

Since the event's commencement in 2003, more than \$3.6 million has been raised to help make a difference in the lives of people living with a physical disability. Eighty cents of every dollar raised from Wheels in Motion goes towards improving the quality of life of the physically challenged in communities across Canada. These funds have helped to support and enrich the lives of these people in areas of education and skills development, sport and leisure, assistive devices, accessibility, awareness and peer support programs.

For event information contact Bill Leslie at 905-873-3375 or e-mail wleslie3@cogeco.ca.



Accessibility Advisory Committee members Garry Gore and Bill Leslie (right) make plans for the Town's first-ever Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion at the Gellert Centre on Sunday, June 11.

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Agenda packed already for June revival of Riverfest

After a hiatus last year, a core group of enthusiastic volunteers have revived the waterfront event, Riverfest, and already, a jam-packed agenda is planned for the June event.

The new motto is "Ecology - Music - Art - Our Environment" and visitors will find examples of all three influences at Riverfest-Norval 2006.

On Saturday, June 3, the main events will include hiking, Project Wet training for teachers and outdoor educators, hike leader training, a mini film festival, and guided historic walks.

Hike leaders will take residents on local trails adventures and provide hike related tips, and local historians will take residents on guided walks through the old village of Norval.

Project Wet has 90 different hands-on activities that serve as an aid to help people understand the importance and influence of water. The film festival runs on both days and features films on water from the *Planet in Focus Cross Canada Tour*.

Sunday, June 4 is the festival day and gets started with a pancake breakfast, served by the Georgetown Rotary Club starting at 9 a.m. Then, residents can meet up with the hike leaders to get an early start to the hikes or historic walking tours through the village of Norval and trails to discover in Willow Park Ecology Centre.

Starting at noon, the festival gets into high gear. Ecology is represented this year with the theme of "w-a-t-e-r" and features Children's Water Festival events. Starting at noon, family activities will include the Children's Water Festival programs such as "We Use that Much", "Enviroscope Wetlands", and

"Off I Go", and exhibits such as Wye Marsh's "Wet and Scaly" amphibian display, Jack Imhoff's River Critters, electrofishing and many others.

Returning to Riverfest, is Paddle to the Sea— an adventure where children can decorate their own little wooden boats and enter them in a river race. The boat that wins the race will carry a special environmental message down the Credit River "to the sea".

Music will be heard throughout the afternoon into the evening— James Gordon, Nonie Crete, Bruce Madole, Shari and Jerry, Brampton Folk Club, The No-Name Band and more to come— at locations down in Willow Park Ecology Centre and up in Norval Park.

Artists will be creating their magic on site at various locations throughout the day. New this year is Riverfest Outdoor Art Show and Sale where visitors will have a chance to meet artists (William Band, Innerscapes and more). Visitors will even be invited to try their hand at making their own creations at Creativity Spots.

The Riverfest Outdoor Market will host vendors and community groups offering new ideas, products and services related to water, environmentally friendly practices and sustainable living. Lunch, supper, snack foods, and a beer/wine tent are planned to help feed the Riverfest adventurers.

Children can enter the new environmental "Quest" (a variation on the old-time scavenger hunt) at the Info Centre — where they can pick up their instructions and a "passport" for completion at various stations in the park.

Check out the Riverfest website, www.riverfest-norval.ca